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NEWSPAPER

(1) CHIDAILY NEWS (GRUENBERG FROM CARACAS) -- "SECRETARY
KISSINGER . . GOT CLOSE TO A HERO'S WELCOME AS HE BEGAN HIS
JOURNEY. . .

". . . BEFORE HE BEGAN A WILD, SIREN-SCREAMING, HORN-BLOWING
60-MILE-AN-HOUR RIDE FROM THE AIRPORT, HE ACKNOWLEDGED . .
IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT BOTH (COUNTRIES) TURN AWAY FROM
'CONFRONTATION.'

". . . CENTRAL TO THE DISCUSSIONS . . IS THE EXCLUSION OF
THIS NATION, ALONG WITH ECUADOR, FROM THE BENEFITS OF THE
U.S. TRADE ACT. . . KISSINGER'S PROBLEM IS THAT HE MUST
CONVINCE PEREZ AND OTHERS OF THE SINCERITY OF THE STATE
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DEPARTMENT POSITION IN URGING THAT VENEZUELA AND ECUADOR
SHOULD BE EXEMPTED FROM THE TRADE ACT STRICTURES AT THE SAME
TIME THAT HIS DIFFICULTIES WITH CONGRESS HOBBLE HIM FROM
PRESSING THAT POSITION SUCCESSFULLY.

". . . PEREZ RECENTLY STATED PUBLICLY THAT DESPITE THE LURE OF OTHER MARKETS . . . VENEZUELA HAS 'NEVER THOUGHT OF REDUCING OUR OIL SHIPMENTS TO THE UNITED STATES.' BUT HE ALSO HAS COMPLAINED OF VENEZUELA'S 'VORACIOUS IMPORTS' SENDING ITS FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNED BY ITS OIL EXPORTS BACK TO THE COUNTRIES THAT PAY FOR THE OIL, AND RECEIVING IN TURN 'TRASH PRODUCED BY THE SO-CALLED CONSUMER SOCIETY, WHICH ARE SO HARMFUL' TO VENEZUELAN. HE NAMED NO NAMES.

"KISSINGER . . WILL FIND U.S. DIFFICULTIES IN OTHER AREAS AS WELL, NOTABLY THE . . PANAMA CANAL.

". . . KISSINGER . . IS EXPECTED TO EMPHASIZE THE 'BIND' THAT U.S. FOREIGN POLICY FINDS ITSELF IN EVERY FOUR YEARS WHEN U.S. ELECTIONS ARE HELD AND RHETORIC INFLAMES RATHER THAN HEALS FOREIGN POLICY DIFFERENCES.

". . . A NAGGING BEHIND-THE-SCENES ISSUE CONTINUES TO BE CUBA'S INVOLVEMENT IN ANGOLA. . . THE SHATTERING OF THE TIMETABLE FOR RESUMPTION OF CUBAN-U.S. RELATIONS . . IS NOT THE ONLY FALLOUT. THERE IS A DOUBLE IMPACT WHICH HAS NOT BEEN SUFFICIENTLY REALIZED BY CONGRESS. . . ONE IS A CONCEIVABLE FEAR BY LATIN NATIONS OF A REPETITION OF CUBAN INTERVENTION, ALTHOUGH CASTRO IS CREDITED WITH GIVING UP 'REVOLUTION FOR EXPORT'. . . A SECOND IS A LATIN ADMIRATION FOR THE 'DARING' CUBAN OPERATION IN THE FACE OF U.S. FAILURE TO ACT.

"NOR HAS IT BEEN SUFFICIENTLY REALIZED WHAT THE IMPACT MIGHT HAVE BEEN ON CUBAN INTERNAL SOCIETY AS A RESULT OF CUBAN DEAD COMING HOME FROM VENTURES ABROAD, OR CUBAN PRISONERS TAKEN. . . IF EFFECTIVE OPPOSITION HAD BEEN MOUNTED TO THE CUBANS IN ANGOLA, ITS EFFECT MIGHT HAVE BEEN FAR-REACHING FOR THE CASTRO GOVERNMENT."

WIRES (MEETING WITH PEREZ)

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(1) AP (FREED) -- AP'S FREED SAID SECRETARY TOLD PEREZ THE U.S. WILL NOT TOLERATE ANY NEW FOREIGN AGGRESSION BY CUBA SIMILAR TO THE ANGOLAN ADVENTURE, TELLING REPORTERS LATER THE MEETING 'WAS VERY GOOD AND WENT VERY WELL.'

"HE SAID PEREZ BROUGHT UP THE QUESTION OF THE INTERVENTION OF CUBAN SOLDIERS IN ANGOLA, ALTHOUGH, 'I DIDN'T NEED MUCH ENCOURAGEMENT,'" SAID FREED. FREED CONTINUES: "THE SECRETARY INDICATED HE REPEATED THE AMERICAN POSITION THAT CUBA WILL BE OPPOSED IF IT TRIES TO REPEAT ITS ANGOLAN ADVENTURE. HE SAID VENEZUELAN LEADERS PRESENTED NO GREAT ARGUMENT ON THE CUBA QUESTION AND ADDED 'I THINK WE SEE IT PRETTY MUCH ALIKE.'

"OTHER TOPICS DURING THE BREAKFAST MEETING INCLUDED THE QUESTION OF THE VENEZUELAN EXCLUSION FROM U.S. TRADE PREFERENCES. KISSINGER TOLD PEREZ HE SHOULD NOT HOLD HIS HOPES TOO HIGH FOR A QUICK END TO THE EXCLUSION."

(2) UPI (WALTE) -- WALTE SAID OIL AND TRADE WERE BELIEVED TO BE MAIN TOPICS OF TALK WITH PEREZ. HE SAID "U.S. OFFICIALS STRESSED KISSINGER WOULD ONLY RAISE THE PROBLEM OF CUBA'S INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA IF ASKED."

WALTE CONTINUES: "VENEZUELA . . NATIONALIZED ITS OIL INDUSTRY EARLIER THIS YEAR, AND U.S. OFFICIALS TRAVELING WITH KISSINGER EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE VENEZUELA WOULD CONTINUE TO BE A RELIABLE PETROLEUM SOURCE FOR THE U.S. . . PEREZ WAS SAID TO HAVE CONFIRMED THAT BELIEF DURING HIS TALKS WITH KISSINGER. . ."

UPI LATER ITEM (NO BYLINE) SAYS SECRETARY TOLD PEREZ AT A BREAKFAST MEETING THIS MORNING THAT THE U.S. "WILL NOT TOLERATE" ANY NEW CUBAN MILITARY INTERVENTION ABROAD. PEREZ, WHO BROUGHT UP THE SUBJECT, TOLD NEWSMEN AFTER MEETING VENEZUELA WAS "VERY UPSET" BY ANGOLAN SITUATION AND CONDEMNED BOTH CUBAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN INTERVENTION.

(3) REUTERS (NELSON) -- QUOTED SECRETARY THAT HE AND PEREZ VOICED JOINT CONCERN OVER CUBAN INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA AT A BREAKFAST MEETING AND THAT VENEZUELAN OFFICIALS FIRST RAISED THE SUBJECT. "THEY RAISED IT, BUT I DIDN'T REQUIRE UNCLASSIFIED

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MUCH ENCOURAGEMENT," DR. KISSINGER SAID. "I THINK OUR VIEWS ARE PRETTY MUCH ALIKE." NELSON SAID HE GAVE NO INDICATION TODAY THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED ANY JOINT RESPONSE WITH PEREZ TO THE CUBAN ACTIONS.

WIRES (SECRETARY'S CARACAS SPEECH)

AP (FREED) -- RE SECRETARY'S SYMPOSIUM SPEECH, FREED DESCRIBED IT AS "A SIX-POINT PROGRAM DESIGNED TO PROMOTE A SPECIAL INTER-AMERICAN RELATIONSHIP THAT RECOGNIZES THE GROWING INDEPENDENCE OF LATIN AMERICA," AND QUOTED FROM IT AS FOLLOWS:

"LET US GO BEYOND THE DEBATE WHETHER THE UNITED STATES IS PATRONIZING OR NEGLECTING OR SEEKING TO DOMINATE ITS NEIGHBORS. . .

"LET US NOT DISPUTE WHETHER THE LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS ARE BEING UNREASONABLE OR PEREMPTORY OR SEEKING TO LINE UP AGAINST THEIR NORTHERN NEIGHBOR. INSTEAD, LET US FOCUS OUR GOALS AND THE NEED FOR COMMON EFFORT TO GET DOWN TO SERIOUS BUSINESS. . .

FREED SAID SECRETARY, "DECLARING THAT THE UNITED STATES IS PREPARED TO MAKE A MAJOR EFFORT TO INVIGORATE OUR HEMISPHERIC TIES, OUTLINED THESE POINTS IN THE SPEECH:

"-- THE U.S. WILL TAKE SPECIAL NOTICE OF 'THE DISTINCTIVE REQUIREMENTS' OF LATIN AMERICA IN CONDUCTING ITS GLOBAL POLICIES.

"THIS MEANS, KISSINGER EXPLAINED, THE HEMISPHERIC NATIONS WILL BE HELPED TO PARTICIPATE ON A MORE EQUAL FOOTING WITH THE INDUSTRIALIZED WORLD THROUGH ACCESS TO DEVELOPMENT CAPITAL INVESTMENT. THIS ALSO MEANS WASHINGTON WILL WORK FOR STABILIZED COMMODITY PRICES AND AID IN GETTING MODERN TECHNOLOGY FOR LATIN AMERICA.

"-- WASHINGTON WILL EMPHASIZE AND MAINTAIN DIRECT AID TO THE NEEDIEST NATIONS OF THE HEMISPHERE, NOW APPROACHING DOLLAR 300 MILLION A YEAR.

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"-- THE U.S. WILL 'NEGOTIATE ON THE BASIS OF PARITY AND DIGNITY OUR SPECIFIC DIFFERENCES WITH EACH AND EVERY STATE.'

"KISSINGER POINTED TO EFFORTS TO NEGOTIATE A NEW PANAMA CANAL TREATY AS AN EXAMPLE OF THIS DETERMINATION."

(2) UPI (WALTE) -- "SECRETARY KISSINGER REASSURED LATIN AMERICA OF ITS SPECIAL PLACE IN WASHINGTON'S FOREIGN POLICY AND PROPOSED A SIX-POINT PROGRAM SEEKING TO INCREASE ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND LESSEN POLITICAL TENSIONS.

"IT IS TIME THAT ALL OF US IN THE HEMISPHERE PUT ASIDE SLOGANS AND TURN FROM RHETORIC TO RESOLVE,' KISSINGER SAID IN A MAJOR POLICY SPEECH. 'I HAVE COME TO THIS CONTINENT BECAUSE THE UNITED STATES BELIEVES THAT LATIN AMERICA HAS A SPECIAL PLACE IN OUR FOREIGN POLICY. OUR COLLABORATION AS EQUALS IN THIS HEMISPHERE CAN BE A MODEL FOR COOPERATION IN THE WORLD ARENA.'

"HE CALLED FOR A 'SPIRIT OF WORKING SOLIDARITY,' AND SAID THE U.S. WAS WILLING:

"-- 'TO TAKE SPECIAL COGNIZANCE OF THE DISTINCTIVE REQUIREMENTS OF THE MORE INDUSTRIALIZED ECONOMIES OF LATIN AMERICA AND OF THE REGION AS A WHOLE IN OUR EFFORTS TO BUILD A MORE EQUITABLE INTERNATIONAL ORDER'

"-- 'TO MAINTAIN DIRECT ASSISTANCE OF THE NEEDIEST NATIONS OF THIS HEMISPHERE STILL OPPRESSED BY POVERTY AND NATURAL DISASTER.'

"-- 'TO SUPPORT LATIN AMERICAN REGIONAL AND SUBREGIONAL EFFORTS TO ORGANIZE FOR COOPERATION AND INTEGRATION.'

"-- 'TO NEGOTIATE ON THE BASIS OF PARITY AND DIGNITY OUR SPECIFIC DIFFERENCES WITH EACH AND EVERY STATE, BOTH BILATERALLY AND, WHERE APPROPRIATE, MULTILATERALLY.'

"-- 'TO ENFORCE OUR COMMITMENT TO MUTUAL SECURITY, AND THE BOLIVARIAN IDEA OF REGIONAL INTEGRITY AGAINST THOSE WHO WOULD SEEK TO UNDERMINE SOLIDARITY, THREATEN INDEPENDENCE, UNCLASSIFIED

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OR EXPORT VIOLENCE.'

"-- 'TO WORK TO MODERNIZE THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM TO RESPOND TO THE NEEDS OF OUR TIMES, TO GIVE DIRECTION TO OUR COMMON ACTION.'

"KISSINGER SAID THE U.S. WOULD RESPOND POSITIVELY TO A NEW VENEZUELAN-BASED LATIN AMERICAN ECONOMIC ORGANIZATION, . . WHICH INCLUDES CUBA AND EXCLUDES THE U.S.

"HE MADE NO SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO THE U.S. TRADE ACT, WHICH EXCLUDED ECUADOR AND VENEZUELA FROM TRADE PREFERENCES BECAUSE OF THEIR MEMBERSHIP IN OPEC. HOWEVER, HE DID REFER TO THE CURRENT PANAMA CANAL NEGOTIATIONS, SAYING WASHINGTON WANTS 'TO ESTABLISH A RELIABLE, LONG-TERM RELATIONSHIP' WITH PANAMA OVER THE CANAL AND THE U.S.-CONTROLLED ZONE."

(3) REUTERS (NELSON) -- "CRITICIZING BOTH PAST LATIN IMPATIENCE AND SIMPLISTIC AMERICAN MASTER PLANS, SECRETARY KISSINGER UNVEILED A SIX-PLEDGE PLAN TO INVIGORATE RELATIONS IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE. . . DR. KISSINGER COMMITTED THE U.S. TO ASSIST MAJOR COUNTRIES OF SOUTH AMERICA TO PARTICIPATE IN WORLD ECONOMY ON MORE EQUAL FOOTING WITH INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES. . .

"HE PLEDGED SUPPORT FOR EFFORTS AT LATIN AMERICAN ECONOMIC INTEGRATION, WELCOMING INFANT LATIN AMERICAN ECONOMIC SYSTEM (SELA) IN ITS ATTEMPTS TO DRAFT COMMON ECONOMIC POLICIES.

"U.S. OFFICIALS DESCRIBED THE SPEECH AS UNUSUALLY CLINICAL ANALYSIS WRITTEN LARGELY BY DR. KISSINGER, THAN THAN BY HIS AIDES AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

"COPIES OF THE SPEECH WERE TELEGRAPHED AHEAD TO PERU, BRAZIL, COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA AND GUATEMALA. . . THE SPEECH IS EXPECTED TO SERVE AS A TALKING POINT IN EACH CAPITAL AS WELL AS A BROAD GUIDELINE FOR FUTURE U.S. POLICY, WHICH IN THE PAST HAS DISILLUSIONED MANY LATIN AMERICANS WITH ITS

REPEATED PROMISES OF NEW DIALOGUES AND NEW ERAS.
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"DR. KISSINGER SAID MANY PROBLEMS, PARTICULARLY IN ECONOMICS AND TRADE, COULD BE SOLVED BEST IN A GLOBAL CONTEXT RATHER THAN, AS WAS ATTEMPTED IN THE PAST, BY SIMPLE HEMISPHERIC COOPERATION. BUT HE SUGGESTED THAT U.S.-LATIN AMERICAN RELATIONS COULD GUIDE THE REST OF THE WORLD.

"TO PUT IT POSITIVELY, WE FEEL STRONGLY THAT OUR COOPERATION AS EQUALS IN THIS HEMISPHERE CAN BE A MODEL FOR CO-OPERATION IN THE WORLD ARENA,' HE SAID.

"HE CRITICIZED PAST EFFORTS TO SOLVE HEMISPHERIC PROBLEMS, INCLUDING HIS MUCH-HERALDED 'NEW DIALOGUE.'

"BOTH SIDES OVERSIMPLIFIED THE NATURE OF THE PROBLEM. THE LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS DID NOT ALWAYS PERCEIVE THAT THE ISSUES (ECONOMIC RELATIONS, TARIFFS AND ENERGY) WERE AMONG THE MOST DIFFICULT THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY HAS FACED BECAUSE THEY GO TO THE HEART OF THE STRUCTURE AND INTERACTION OF ENTIRE SOCIETIES.'

"THE UNITED STATES DID NOT SUFFICIENTLY TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THAT LATIN AMERICA HAD EXPERIENCED YEARS OF FRUSTRATION IN WHICH LOFTY PROMISES BY THE UNITED STATES HAD BEEN UNDONE BY THE GRADUALISM OF THE AMERICAN POLITICAL SYSTEM . . .'

"HENCE THE CHARGE OF NEGLECT ON ONE SIDE AND THE OCCASIONAL FEELING ON THE OTHER SIDE OF BEING BESIEGED WITH DEMANDS.'

"LATIN AMERICA, DR. KISSINGER ADDED, TOO OFTEN HAD DEMANDED IMMEDIATE U.S. RESPONSES TO PROBLEMS THE U.S. COULD NOT UNILATERALLY SOLVE. . ."

NELSON CLOSES PIECE WITH SIX PLEDGES MENTIONED ABOVE.

TELEVISION

(1) NBC -- CHANCELLOR: "SECRETARY KISSINGER IS VISITING HALF A DOZEN LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES TO MEND SOME FENCES TOO LONG NEGLECTED. HE WAS IN VENEZUELA TODAY, AND HE'S
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GOT HIS WORK CUT OUT FOR HIM."

VALERIANI: "KISSINGER BEGAN HIS TRIP IN VENEZUELA BECAUSE THIS COUNTRY IS ONE OF THE FEW FUNCTIONING CIVILIAN DEMOCRACIES IN LATIN AMERICA. IT ALSO HAS A LOT OF OIL. HE

IS HERE AT A TIME WHEN SEVERAL LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES, LIKE VENEZUELA, ARE TRYING TO ASSERT THEIR INDEPENDENCE FROM THE U.S. LEADERS SUCH AS PRESIDENT PEREZ ARE IDENTIFYING MORE AND MORE WITH THE SO-CALLED THIRD WORLD OF UNDER-DEVELOPED NATIONS. PART OF KISSINGER'S MISSION IS TO EXPLORE WAYS TO COPE WITH THIS GROWING TREND WITHOUT DAMAGING THE HISTORIC SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE U.S. AND LATIN AMERICA."

SECRETARY KISSINGER: "IT IS TIME THAT ALL OF US IN THE HEMISPHERE PUT ASIDE SLOGANS AND TURN FROM RHETORIC TO RESOLVE. LET US GO BEYOND THE DEBATE WHETHER THE U.S. IS PATRONIZING, OR NEGLECTING, OR SEEKING TO DOMINATE ITS NEIGHBORS. LET US NOT DISPUTE WHETHER THE LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS ARE BEING UNREASONABLE, OR PEREMPTORY, OR SEEKING TO LINE UP AGAINST THEIR NORTHERN PARTNER. INSTEAD, LET US FOCUS ON OUR GOALS AND THE NEED FOR COMMON EFFORT AND GET DOWN TO SERIOUS BUSINESS. MANY FORUMS AND MANY FORMS ARE AVAILABLE. I PROPOSE THAT WE IDENTIFY THE MOST FRUITFUL AREAS FOR OUR COMMON EFFORT AND SET OURSELVES THE GOAL OF A MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENT THIS YEAR."

VALERIANI: "KISSINGER'S BASIC MESSAGE IS, THE U.S. RECOGNIZES IT CAN NO LONGER DOMINATE THE COUNTRIES OF LATIN AMERICA. AT THE SAME TIME HE IS ALSO SAYING THAT, IN THIS INCREASINGLY INTERDEPENDENT WORLD, THE U.S. CANNOT SOLVE ALL OF LATIN AMERICA'S PROBLEMS BY ITSELF, AND THE LATIN AMERICANS SHOULD NOT EXPECT IT TO."

(2) CBS -- CRONKITE: "SECRETARY KISSINGER, IN THE FIRST FULL DAY OF HIS LATIN AMERICAN TRIP, LASHED OUT AT CUBA TODAY, BUT THEN HE HELD OUT AN ECONOMIC OLIVE BRANCH. DURING A MEETING WITH VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT PEREZ, KISSINGER SAID CUBAN MILITARY INTERVENTION, SUCH AS IN ANGOLA, WOULD NEVER AGAIN BE TOLERATED. BUT IN A LATER SPEECH, BILLED AS A MAJOR FOREIGN POLICY ADDRESS, HE SAID THE U.S. UNCLASSIFIED

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SUPPORTS EFFORTS TO ORGANIZE A COMMON MARKET-TYPE GROUP FOR LATIN AMERICA, EVEN THOUGH THAT GROUP WOULD INCLUDE CUBA AND EXCLUDE THE U.S."

(3) ABC -- REASONER: "IN CARACAS TODAY, SECRETARY KISSINGER MADE A MAJOR POLICY SPEECH ON RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND LATIN AMERICA. ABC'S BARRIE DUNSMORE, TRAVELLING IN SOUTH AMERICA WITH THE SECRETARY, SAID THE SECRETARY WAS SOMETIMES BLUNT, NEVER PATRONIZING. KISSINGER PROPOSED A SIX-POINT PLAN FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN THE AMERICAS, INCLUDING A COMPLETE OVERHAUL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES.

"IN HIS COMMENT TONIGHT, HOWARD K. SMITH SEES SOME LATIN

AMERICAN PROBLEMS THAT EVEN HENRY KISSINGER MAY NOT BE
ABLE TO SOLVE."

SMITH: "SECRETARY KISSINGER'S VISIT TO LATIN AMERICA
LACKS THE PAZZAZZ OF HIS OTHER TRIPS TO THE MIDDLE EAST,
TO PEKING, TO MOSCOW. BUT IN A WAY IT COULD BE JUST AS
IMPORTANT. SOUTH AMERICA IS THE CONTINENT CLOSEST TO US,
WHICH MEANS A LOT TO OUR SECURITY. ITS POPULATION IS GROW-
ING FASTER THAN THAT OF ANY OTHER CONTINENT, INCLUDING
ASIA, ASSURING SOME DANGEROUS SOCIAL EXPLOSIONS AHEAD. THE
FRUSTRATION FOCUSED ON ITS RICH NORTHERN NEIGHBOR -- THERE
IS PROBABLY MORE GENUINE ANTI-U.S. AMERICANISM THERE THAN
ANY PLACE ELSE IN THE WORLD. (SIC)

"THEIR GRIPEs ARE MANY, BUT THEY FALL INTO TWO CATE-
GORIES:

ECONOMIC. WE ARE THEIR BIGGEST TRADE PARTNER AND HELD RE-
SPONSIBLE FOR THE LOW PRICES THEY GET FOR THEIR GOODS AND
THE HIGH PRICES THEY'VE GOT TO PAY FOR OURS.

BUT PROBABLY MORE IMPORTANT IS PSYCHOLOGY, THE FEELING OF
BEING TAKEN FOR GRANTED -- WHICH IN FACT THEY ARE. IT HAS
STUNG THAT IN THE PAST KISSINGER HAS CANCELLED FOUR TRIPS
THERE TO GO SOMEWHERE ELSE. AND WHILE ALL HIS OTHER TRIPS
ARE FRONT-PAGE NEWS IN THIS COUNTRY, HIS VISIT THERE
APPEARS ON AN INSIDE PAGE OF THE NEW YORK TIMES, IN A FEW
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INCHES OF PRINT AT THE BOTTOM OF THE COLUMN.

"MR. KISSINGER HAS SOME ECONOMIC PLANS TO PROPOSE, BUT HOW
TO OVERCOME OUR ANGERING INDIFFERENCE WE DON'T KNOW. BUT
UNFORTUNATELY THE LATIN AMERICANS HAVE FOUND A WAY: TURN
TO THE COMMUNISTS. WHEN CUBA AND CHILE DID THAT, THEY
MADE OUR FRONT PAGES WITH GREAT REGULARITY. UNLESS WE
FIND OUR OWN WAY TO GET INTERESTED IN OUR NEIGHBORS, IT IS
ALMOST SURE MORE WILL TRY THAT WAY AND THE EVER-EXPANDING
RUSSIAN EMPIRE IN FUTURE YEARS MAY GET NEW FOOTHOLDS
UNCOMFORTABLY NEARBY."

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